



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and Colonel Bryan Tuma of the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

Than Van Pham appeared today before the Honorable Lyle E. Strom and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine and for being a felon in possession of ammunition. The conviction is the result of a joint investigation by the SEADE drug task force and the Nebraska State Patrol.

**Name of Defendant:** Than Van Pham

**AKA:** "T"; "Grandpa"

**Age:** 40

**City of Residence:** Tecumseh, Nebraska

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine, imprisonment of 10 years to life, a fine of \$4,000,000, both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of at least 5 years, and a \$100 special assessment. Being a felon in possession of ammunition, imprisonment of not more than 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of at least 3 years, and a \$100 special assessment

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Johnson, Gage and Lancaster Counties in Nebraska and Marshall County in Kansas.

**Location of Arrest:** 302 Martha Street, Barneston, NE

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** Methamphetamine

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** No.

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** Beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about October, 2006, and continuing through on or about July 3, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:** 10/26/09

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Indictment Returned Date:** 10/21/09

**Initial Appearance Date:** 10/26/09

**Plea Date(s):** 3/31/10

**Sentencing Date:** 6/18/10

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** Sentencing - 6/18/10 @ 9:00a.m.

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** F.A. Gossett

**Held without Bond:** Yes

**In Continuous Custody Since:** 10/26/09

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Lyle E. Strom

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